

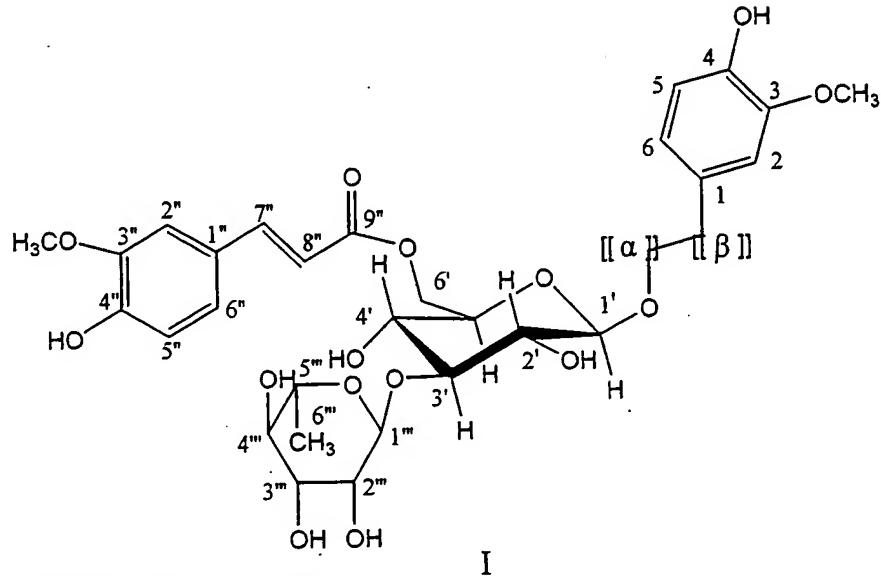
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims follows and replaces all prior listing of the claims.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

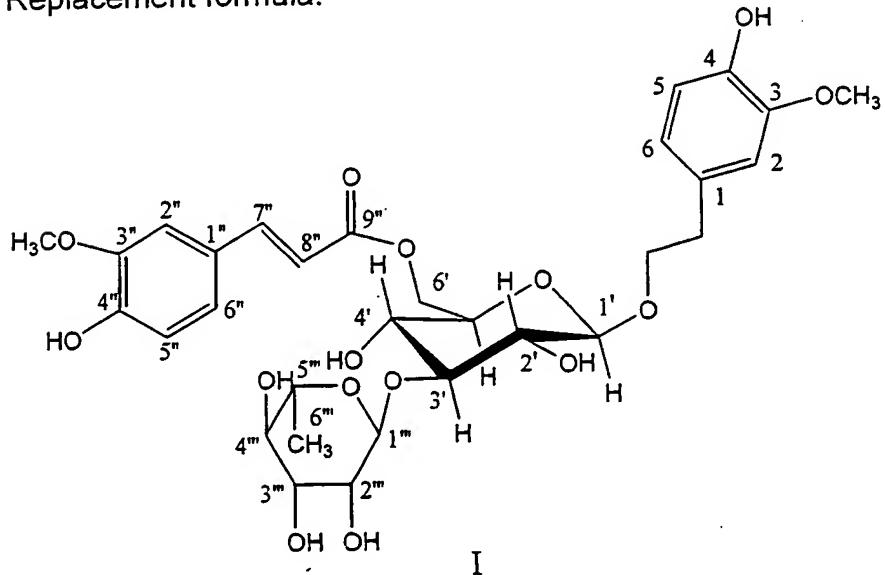
Claim 1 (Currently amended): A—An isolated compound named epimeredinoside A having formula I as follows:

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Replacement formula:



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Claim 2 (Currently amended): An oral pharmaceutical Oral pharmaceutics composition containing an from Epimeredi indica root extract, comprising:

~~Epimeredi indica root extracts comprised of from 0.10 to 1.50% by weight of epimeredinoside A, wherein the extract has been obtained by extracting Epimeredi indica root which have been extracted with water and concentrated by distillation; and at least one pharmaceutical adjuvant.~~

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The oral pharmaceutics pharmaceutical composition from Epimeredi indica root extract according to claim 2, wherein the oral pharmaceutics have any form which is used orally including composition is an oral form selected from the group consisting of hard capsule, soft capsule, granule, tablet, and oral liquid.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A preparation method for preparing oral pharmaceutics from *Epimeredi indica* root extract, comprising:

making a powder of *Epimeredi indica* roots;

adding water to the powder in an amount of about 10 times that of the powder and extracting for a time ranging from 1 to 2 hours;

filtering to obtain a first filtrate and a first cake;

adding water to the first cake in an amount of about 10 times that of the first cake and extracting for a time ranging from 1 to 2 hours;

filtering to obtain a second filtrate and a second cake;

combining the first filtrate and the second filtrate to provide a combined filtrate; concentrating the combined filtrate as *extracta sicca* to a density ranging from 1.01 to 1.08(25~30 ) and a content of epimeredinoside A ranging from 0.10 to 1.50%

as determined by HPLC;

drying the *extracta sicca* by spray or vacuum [[of]]; and  
mixing predetermined quantities of the dried extract and at least one adjuvant to  
~~prepare oral pharmaceuticals conventionally by one of wet or dry granulation.~~

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The preparation method according claim 4, wherein the content of epimeredinoside A in the dried extract of *Epimeredi indica* root is determined by HPLC, which comprises the steps of:

a. providing (1) an HPLC apparatus, (2) a Standard sample of epimeredinoside A, (3) HPLC grade chemical reagents including methanol, acetonitrile, and distilled water, and (4) extracts of *Epimeredi indica* root

b. operating the HPLC apparatus under conditions including (1) using a Chromatographic column: Discovery C<sub>18</sub> (250mm ×4.6 mm, 5µm), (2) using a mobile phase which is a mixture of acetonitrile and water having an acetonitrile: water ratio of 27:73, (3) using a flow rate of 1.0ml/min, (4) using a column temperature which is room temperature, and (5) using a detection wavelength of 320nm, and (6) using an injection volume of 20µl;

c. generating a calibration curve by (1) preparing standard solutions of epimeredinoside A having respective concentrations of 39.6 µg/ml, 79.2 µg/ml, 118.8

$\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , 158.4  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , and 198  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ; (2) subjecting each standard solution to HPLC quantitative analysis; (3) generating a calibration curve to confirm a linear relationship between peak area ratio (Y axis) and the concentrations of the standard solutions (X axis);

- d. preparing test samples; and
- e. subjecting the sample solutions to the HPLC quantitative analysis;
- f. determining the content of epimeredinoside A in the test samples from the calibration curves using, as a formula for calculation,  $Y=20.139X-154.35$ , where Y is peak area and X is sample concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ).

Claim 6 – 18 (Cancelled)